

## NEW PRIZE CONTEST STARTS WITH A VIM

The new prize contest which begins today has already aroused splendid interest. The suggestions for systematizing the home making are necessarily longer than hints which consist of recipes, etc., in consequence of which it will be impossible to print so many each day as we have done during former contests.

Send in your ideas and schemes em-

ployed by you in your homes. Any labor saving device or clever and systematic arrangement of your household duties is eligible for a prize.

The object of this contest will not have been completely fulfilled until every woman who reads The Times has entered it.

Three of the first suggestions received for the new contest are given herewith.

### A ROOM FOR CHILDREN.

I have kept a six-room house in order by giving one room to my four children to do with as they feel inclined. With a bottle of glue I keep the boys busy mending broken toys. A pair of scissors for each keep the girls busy cutting pictures from old magazines. A needle and thread, with plenty of scraps from the work-basket to make clothes in any year's fashion, will, I think, tickle them so much. I also keep some toys hidden, as children soon get tired of the same, and neglected few weeks I surprise them with a different toy. While this room is their own, they have been taught to straighten it up and leave it in perfect order when their play time is ended. By this scheme I have saved myself from having toys scattered all over the house, as well as providing my children with occupation.

MRS. JULIET RUS.

223 E street northwest.

### THE DAY'S ROUTINE.

No doubt the leakage in the household management has made many a man poor and kept him poor. What does it matter if he makes \$100 or \$200 per month if his wife does not understand using it to the best advantage.

While wardrobes have been full of the want of a button or a little mending. Shoes for the want of a half sole cast aside, children dirty and neglected for the want of a little soap and water.

What man, after a day's work, does not like to come home and find his house in a thorough order, dinner prepared, and his wife and children dressed for the evening?

My family consists of four (one a boarder), and I keep no help. I rise at 6 a. m., have breakfast at 7, lunch at 12:30, and dinner at 6 p. m., allowing my boy nothing to eat between meals except fruit, but plenty of that.

I start every day by making my beds and tidying up my house immediately after breakfast, and I find ample time for recreation as well as for an hour's nap each day. My marketing I do on Tuesdays and Saturdays, very early in the morning. On Saturday I aim to buy enough food to last over Monday; cook my meals, prepare salad and dessert and bake a cake on Saturday, so that when Sunday morning comes I have little to do after the noon and evening meals.

I have my washing done, shop in the morning, and the rest in the afternoon. I spend an hour after dinner every evening in the week helping my boy with his lessons, retiring usually by 10 or 10:30. On Sunday night the hour is devoted to his primary school lessons.

Tuesday is ironing day, with which I am always through by 11 o'clock, when the clothes are well aired, I look them over and anything to be mended is put in the sewing room. Wednesday morning, I do my mending and visit in the afternoon. The house is cleaned, and my friends, Friday the whole house is thoroughly cleaned.

On the first day of the month I can tell almost to a penny what I shall have to pay out. After the bills are all met we bank all that is possible, keeping a certain balance on hand for book for incidental expenses. Then we keep a memorandum. Each one who takes out a penny mark it on the memorandum, stating for what purpose it has been taken so that we can account for every cent of our income.

This living beyond one's means has more to do with domestic partnership going into the hands of the law than the leakage in the system of household management. The height of a man's ambition is to have his family appear well at all times, and men of small salaries are frequently driven to desperation by their wives trying to compete with neighbors or friends whose salaries are probably twice as large. A woman should study her husband's interests, and accustom herself to his conditions. A man's success depends largely upon the life partner he has selected.

If you have no system, form one at once, and by all means keep a memorandum, and by using a little judgment you will soon see whether you will be able to live in a \$50 house and wear a \$25 hat on an income of \$100, like your neighbor whose income is \$200.

The happiest and most contented man spends most of his time after working hours, is the home that is fun on a business system.

### BATH ROOM.

To Renovate Tub.

To make a bathtub that has been neglected look like new, soak a flannel in paraffin, and rub over the bath. In a few minutes the crust of dirt that has been left on will disappear. This method is especially good when the water is hard. If this is done each time after the bathtub has been used, it will always have a bright, new appearance, and the enamel or paint will not suffer.

MRS. J. J. O'DONNELL.

407 E street southeast.

### BED ROOM.

Coat Hangers.

Keep old kid gloves. Cut kid in strips four inches long and one inch wide. Hem and sew one on each glove and overcoat, and you will find you have the strongest kind of coat hangers.

MRS. J. J. O'DONNELL.

324 I street northwest.

### LOCAL MENTION.

Makes Them Strong and Sturdy. Berens' Bakery Rye Bread is a pure and wholesome food. Every bit of it is food, too, and that means quick digestion and complete assimilation. It's just the thing for growing youngsters.

Evaporated Milk, Family Size, 5c per can. J. T. D. Pyles' 13 stores.

Every Housekeeper Is Ambitious to have the best for her table. The steady demand for Schneider's "Malt" Bread is thus explained. Your grocer handles "Malt" Bread. Order it every time.

A Shipment of Fine Lynn Haven Bay Hard Crab is received daily for Schneider's Crab Feasts. The finest ever.

Honey Boys, Honey Boys. They're the 2c cakes sold for 10c per lb. at J. T. D. Pyles' 13 stores.

Purissima Rye Is the Best whiskey to buy for hospitality or medicinal purposes. Wm. Cannon's, 1225 7th.

Caverly's plumbing, 1331 G St. N. W.

Spring Stock. Oil Cookers—Gas Ranges—Water Heaters. 616 12 st. C. A. Middleton & Co., 1304 G st.

## CORRECT SPEECH EASILY ACQUIRED

One Is Never Too Old to Get Rid of Small Defects.

One is never too old to acquire right methods of speech, and a little cultivation in this respect is nothing at which to blush. Correct language and a certain elegance of delivery are magnificent weapons for business and social success, and they are edged tools, besides, for acquaintances. The woman who says "dandy" with every breath, who talks of "fellows," who says "sure" and commits a dozen other sins of rhetoric, has no fondness for the one of well-bred speech and noble thought.

Water seeks its level, and so while getting rid of the wrong acquaintances, the way is being paved all the time for the right ones.

Begin your private lessons by listening to the sound of your own voice. If it is loud and harsh, drop your tone and soften the articulation. Imitating Southern dialect is good practice for nasal, unmusical voices; though, of course, such lingual gymnastics must be taken in private and dropped before the world.

### Read Good Books.

Read good books after the grammar lessons are learned, for a good book is the finest teacher of language the world knows. Stevenson and Emerson are famous knights of the beautiful word and thought.

However, you are not asked to follow in the footsteps of these great leaders in elegant language. All that the world requires is that you shall be correct in grammar and employ a tone of voice which is pleasing to the decent ear.

For those whose vocabulary is so limited as to produce shyness in company the study of another language is often a great help. Even reading of a big good dictionary is an aid to fluency with words; and since, thereby, the reader gets an exact knowledge of their meaning, there is no danger of their being misapplied.

### Simple Rules.

A splendid English authority on the propriety of speech gives the following simple rules:

Always select words calculated to give an exact impression of your meaning. Let your articulation be easy, clear, correct in accent, and suited in tone and emphasis to the discourse. Avoid a muttering, stuttering, guttural or lisping pronunciation. Let your voice be perfectly low and quiet and enunciate a carefulness of propriety. Great talkers, unless of surpassing wisdom, or of delightful delivery, are generally great bores. Beware of such vulgar interpolations as "you know," "you see," "I tell you."

Pay a strict regard to all the rules of grammar, even in the most intimate and private conversation, for a bad habit once caught is difficult to overcome.

### FEMININE FANCIES.

The princess style is shown among the new chemises.

Violes are not so popular this year as for several seasons past.

Gray or mauve is taking the place of black as the season advances.

Among the leading trimmings for lingerie, frocks is Irish crochet.

A touch of gold or silver is being much shown in trimmings of the season.

The black satin slipper is becoming popular for evening wear.

Linen belts have a touch of colored embroidery.

It makes little difference where the frocks fasten, the skirt and bodice are together.

Fringe, fringe, fringe—of every style and description—is seen upon the new hats.

Lace is exceedingly popular this season.

The waist lines of both coats and gowns remain high.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

Improvised Shoe Trees.

Before throwing away your discarded corsets remove the front and side steels. Each pair of these will take the place of shoe trees without cost or trouble. When shoes are removed slip one end of the steel in each toe, bend back and slip other end of steel over the heel. Fasten shoes at instep and top. If high, and they will retain much longer their shape and newness. Have enough such steels on hand to use in bamboo strips for each pair of laid-away shoes also.

For children's wet shoes, stuff the feet and ankles of a pair of their stockings with newspaper and insert in shoes. Fasten up the latter and rub a little vaseline, oil, or talcum over the leather. The shoes will dry much more quickly inside, and retain their shape and softness.

MRS. V. K. FRYE.

14 Fourth street northeast.

## Peony and Dahlia BULBS 10c

PHLOX PLANTS, 10c EACH, 3 FOR 25c

Kramer, The Florist, 916 F St. N.W.

### A Sewing Machine Sale

Several High-grade Sewing Machines in excellent condition and guaranteed for five years, for this week's selling.

New Home... \$7 Domestic... \$8 Singer... \$10 Standard... \$12

OPPENHEIMER'S 514 9th St.

### CARPET CLEANING

BY EXPERTS AND LATEST IMPROVED MACHINERY. FIREPROOF WAREHOUSE. Will open for inspection of public. ESTIMATES CHEERFULLY GIVEN.

E. P. HINKEL & CO.

418 Maine ave. Phone Main 2025.

## ANSWERS TO INQUIRIES

### CURLY HAIR.

E. N.—If the curly hair is a birthday present there is nothing that will make it straight. Frequent and vigorous brushing with a stiff bristle brush will do much to modify the curliness, however.

### DANCING.

L. L. E.—Dancing is sometimes indulged in at the wedding breakfast or reception.

### GARDEN PARTIES.

J. S.—Women wear light afternoon dresses at garden parties. Men wear summer business suits, yachting flannels and straw hats. The regulation frock coat and high hat is not worn save by men from the city or at some extremely fashionable affair.

### WEDDING ETIQUETTE.

Puzzled: (1) At a home wedding when a bride is married in a traveling suit, she should wear coat, hat and gloves. (2) It would be the courteous thing to send your pastor's wife an invitation.

### OPTIMISM.

Keep on a peggin'—if once you are worsted. Don't waste a moment to sorrow or sigh. Laugh at your foes and just buckle in. Keep on a peggin' and never say die! Los Angeles Express.

### PROVINCIALISM.

H. O.—It is a mark of provincialism for people to walk arm in arm. There is no necessity for a man to touch a woman's arm to assist her over a crossing unless she is old and infirm. The custom of a woman's taking a man's arm is a form of a bygone day. If there is a crowd or the streets are slippery a woman may take a man's arm.

### AN APOLOGY.

Miss H.—In writing a note of apology to your friend say something after this order: My dear Mr. Blank: The unpleasantness which occurred during your call the other night has been the cause of much distress to me. It is my hope that you will not let it make any difference in our friendship.

### MAGAZINES FOR SOLDIERS.

P. W. W.—If you will write to Miss Peixotto, The Sorrento Apartments, letting her know where she may send for the magazines for the soldiers' use, she will be glad to have them called for.

### NOT A THEATER.

The absent-minded man didn't look up from his paper when the conductor came around. He just felt in his side pocket for his ticket and handed the ticket to the conductor. The ticket, however, was a theater coupon. "Here," spoke up the conductor rather sharply, "this don't go. Come on with the right one." The absent-minded man glanced down over the top of his paper at the coupon. "Well," he snapped, "that's the coupon of the ticket the man gave me, and I propose to occupy this seat through all three acts. You can just wait." Then he came out of the fog, and with a sheepish look, fished out the car ticket—Chicago Int'l. Ocean.

## Lansburgh & Bro.

420 to 426 7th St.

417 to 425 8th St.

A Great Sacrifice Sale of Women's Fine Tailored Suits \$27.50 and \$29.50 Values \$12.88 for Tomorrow at.....

Women's Suits of panama and serge, plain and striped effects; plain tailored or trimmed coats, silk or satin lined; full flare skirts. Colors are tan, old rose, green, gray, and fancy mixtures. Marked \$27.50 and \$29.50. Special for tomorrow, only \$12.88.

## Two Extra Silk Specials

\$1.25 36-inch Satin Foulards, 85c

36-inch Satin Foulards; all pure silk and highly finished; in navy, cadet, gray, and black grounds, with white space dots. \$1.25 85c value. Special for Tuesday.....

69c 19-inch Fancy Taffetas, 49c

19-inch Fancy Taffetas, Louisines and Messalines; in a large assortment of checks, stripes, and figures to select from; all pure silk. 69c value. Special.....

## 15c White French Percale . . . . . 10c

36 inches wide; Belfast linen finish; water shrunk; another fabric in great demand for suits, skirts, etc., and a ready seller at regular price, 15c. Special one day at, yard..... 10c White Goods—Bargain Table—8th Street Annex.

## Lace Specials

Tucked Net, in white, cream, and ecru; 36 inches wide; have it in the heavy net; also very fine mesh. Regular 98c value. 75c Special, yard.....

Tucked Net, in white, cream, and ecru; narrow tucks; pretty for yokes and sleeves. Regular 75c value. Now..... 59c

Have a few Colored Nets, in gray, navy, and light blue; 40 inches wide; very desirable for waists and trimmings; good value at 50c yard. Now, yard..... 39c

Valenciennes Lace and Insertion to match; in good widths; very desirable patterns; 12 yards to a piece. Always sold for 49c piece. Special, piece..... 29c

Just received a big assortment of Torchon Lace and Insertion; in good widths and patterns. Regular prices, 10c and 12½c yard. Now, yard..... 5c

## Extra Values in Our Art Department

Pillow Tops; "Roman stripe." 35c value..... 18c

25c and 50c Stamped Pillow Tops..... 15c

Swiss Embroidered Scarfs and Shams. 39c and 49c values..... 15c

50c Stamped Hats; braiding designs..... 39c

Corset Covers—stamped. 39c value..... 19c

49c value..... 25c

Special Pillow Slips. 50c value. One day only..... 39c

Soiled Stamped Center Mats. 39c and 50c values..... 15c

39c Renaissance Centers, 18x18..... 25c

98c Renaissance Scarfs, 18x54, for..... 79c

\$3.00 Rain and Sun Umbrellas..... \$2.00

Rain and Sun Umbrellas; black, green, blue, red, or brown; all silk taffeta; tape edge; 26-inch paragon frame; steel rod; natural wood handles. \$3.00 values. Special..... \$2.00



## Woodward & Lothrop

New York—WASHINGTON—Paris.

Beginning tomorrow, Tuesday, and continuing until further notice, store will close at 5:30 p. m.

## Women's New Linen Coat Suits

THE largest and most attractive collection we have ever presented.

The styles this season are more elaborate than ever; handsome creations that possess more tone, character and individuality than has ever been associated with suits of this character.

Included are two and three-piece models, of fine linens and the popular English reps, and in great variety of colors and variations. In fact, the variety of colors is so extensive, and effects so numerous, that it is next to impossible for any woman not to get "exactly" what she desires.

At \$14.50 to \$17.50

A very attractive collection of Two-piece Natural Linen Suits, with semi-fitting coats and plain gored skirts. Very neat and becoming.

At \$19.50

Women's Fine French Linen Two-piece Suits, in natural, white, rose, and light blue, with braided coats. Very attractive suits.

At \$29.50

Three-piece Linen Suits, in lavender and olive green, with the new sleeveless coat and princess dress. The dress has yoke braided in self color and tucked long sleeves. Very handsome effects.

Third floor, G street.

### Special Sale of

## Genuine Scotch Ginghams At Half Price

NINE THOUSAND Yards of Genuine Scotch Ginghams were placed on sale this morning at exactly half price. They are bright, fresh, new goods, and every yard of this season's production. The designs cover a very broad variety of blue-and-white and black-and-white checks and plaids, besides an attractive assortment of black-and-white shepherd's checks, so much in vogue this summer.

The cloth is very smooth and fine; the styles such as are in broad demand, and the goods are absolutely new and perfect.

We purchased them at a concession in price, which enables us to offer same at

12½c the Yard. Regular Price, 25c

Second floor, G street.

## Silk Department

Offering 395 Yards

## Striped Tussah Pongee at Nearly Half Price

AN opportunity is thus afforded to purchase at an unusually low price a novel and very serviceable silk material, suitable for coat suits, etc. Self-colored effects of natural, old rose, cornflower blue, heliotrope, and brown.

59c the Yard. Regular Value, \$1.00

Also 260 Yards Navy and White

Hairline Striped Louisine

At about a third less than usual. Suitable for entire gowns, separate skirts, waists, etc. A very attractive and substantial weave that builds into handsome garments.

50c the Yard. Regular Value, 69c

Second floor, G street.

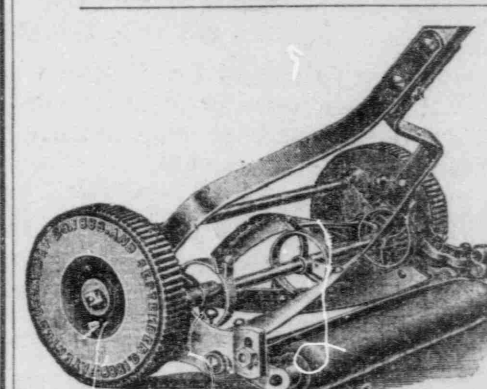
## Special in Women's Pumps

WE HAVE just placed on sale, at a very special price, two lines of Women's High-Grade Pumps. They are made of two very popular leathers—patent kidskin and gun metal calfskin, on a new short vamp last, with hand-welt sole, high Cuban heel and leather-covered buckle. Very stylish and well-fitting pumps.

Special Price, \$3.50 a Pair. Regular Value, \$5

Third floor, Tenth street.

## Guaranteed "Colonial" Lawn Mowers



\$2.25 each, upward

Adjustable Grass Catchers, made of heavy canvas. Will fit any mower. Special price, 50c each.

Fifth floor, Eleventh street.

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